Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Vermillion, South Dakota, has had a strong tradition in hosting barbeque events and rib feeds for over 65 years; and,

Whereas, The Norway Ribeaters, a group of barbeque pioneers from the Vermillion area, originated a unique process of grilling using corncobs as a heat source, a process developed over 65 years ago that has become a tradition in the area; and,

Whereas, The Norway Rib Eaters, in coordination with the Vermillion Jaycees, will host the fourth annual barbeque cook-off during the Spirit of Vermillion Days celebration known as Ribs, Rods, and Rock 'N Roll involving contestants from the state of South Dakota and the surrounding area; and,

Whereas, The cook or cooks involved in the competition, based on their performance, will be entered into the draw to compete on a national level at the Jack Daniels Invitation, American Royal Invitational, and the Great American Barbeque Contest; and,

Whereas, The barbeque contest is a nonprofit community event held in coordination with the Spirit of Vermillion Days with any and all proceeds to be used for the promotion of community events and community awareness in Vermillion; and,

Whereas, The olfactory senses of any person or persons in the vicinity of a barbecue in process will be tantalized beyond reasonable limits, and choosing to partake thereof, will bring a taste experience like no other:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2008, as

RIBS, RODS, AND ROCK 'N ROLL CORN COB CLASSIC BARBEQUE CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

in South Dakota.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State